In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 14, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

The penetrating needle 3 is movable relative to the catheter portion 1 and housing 7 between an extended rest position and a retracted position. The needle is movable between an extended position where a distal end of the needle 3 protrudes from the distal end 20 of the catheter portion 1 and a retracted position with the needle 3 safely retained in the housing 7. The safety dialysis system also includes a retracting means 10 for moving the needle from the needle extended position to the needle retracted position. Retracting means 10 can include compression springs, tension springs, torsion springs, pan springs, leaf springs, rubber, plastic or magnets. A means for manually locking the needle 12 from the needle retracted position to the needle extended position that is cantilevered from the housing 7 and can include a convenient button 14. The locking means 12 can include a clamp, twist or other mechanism to allow for the safe retraction of the needle. The button 14 can easily be depressed by a finger of one hand holding the housing 7 to trigger the retracting means 10 to pull the needle into the retracted position.

Please replace the paragraph at page 14, line 14 with the following amended paragraph:

In a preferred embodiment, the penetrating needle 3 has a sharp distal end. The retracting means 10 is a concentric coil spring compressed against a flange of a housing 7 that provides a clamping means 9 for stabilizing the catheter portion 1 and the needle 3. The spring coil is retained within the catheter portion 1 compressed between the housing 7 and the needle 3. The spring is locked into an extended position by a stop 12, which is cantilevered from the housing 7 /lure lock 17. The cantilevered stop 12 includes a convenient button 14 that is easily depressed by a finger of one hand holding the housing 7. By locking the spring into an extended position, the penetrating needle 3 is disposed forward the catheter portion 1 to allow for penetration into a patient. After the penetrating needle 3 and catheter portion 1 have been properly inserted into a patient, the button 14 is manually activated to allow the spring to force the needle 3 to the proximal end 30 of the housing 7. As a result, the sharp distal tip of the needle 3 is withdrawn into the housing 1 out of reach of the administering personnel.